



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Intentions This Weekend:

- **Saturday Liturgy:** For the health, recovery, and well being of Amal Karam.
- **Sunday Liturgy:** Two year memorial for Georges Matar by his loving daughter Dina. Dina has prepared food for coffee hour after Liturgy in honor of her Father.

Please pray for: Ron and Mary Talge, Bobby Dib, Father Ed Kakaty, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Gail Facas, Jerry Kaufman, Daniel Conigliaro, Carol Shasha, George Abbiati, Jr; Michael Flaherty, Mary Jane Facas; Amal Karam.

This Weekend	Saturday: Joumana Hajj	Sunday: Michelle Habib		
Next Weekend	Saturday: John Jalonski	Sunday: Rose LaFleur		
February 15	27	gave	\$953.00	In addition to the offertory: \$250 for candles . Also, a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave another \$2,000. Included in the offertory was \$150 for the Building Fund and \$201 for Fuel.
February 16	29	gave	\$334.00	
<i>Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including fuel and building fund!</i>				

Religious Education: 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm-Arabic Class. 3:30pm to 5:00 pm-Religious Education: Feb 29; March 7 and 21; April 4 and 18; May 2. Please contact Joumana Hajj for details.

Bishop’s Appeal: Please give to the annual Bishop’s Appeal. You have until **March 31** to contribute. **Please make your checks out to the Diocese of Newton. Please be sure to indicate that you are from St Ann, Waterford, CT. Please mail to the Office of the Economos, 802 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey, 07424. Thank you—Father Dennis.**

Thank you! A big thanks to Gerard Massad, who coordinated a Bake Sale that raise **\$348** in profit. Gerard drives to Massachusetts to pick up the order and organizes the entire effort!

Fasting and Abstinence:

Fasting is abstaining from all food and drink from midnight until sunset. No fasting on Saturday and Sunday, except Holy Saturday. Abstinence is abstaining from meat, dairy products and eggs on all days. White fish is permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation and Palm Sunday.

The **minimum rule** that Melkites, in the Eparchy of Newton, should observe is fasting from all food and drink (except water) from midnight until noon on the first day of Great Lent and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) Abstinence, at least from meat, should be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. All are encouraged to do more.

Upcoming observances, events, and notes:

Great Lent begins on February 24. We will have services every Friday, followed by a voluntary Pot Luck dinner. Services will begin at 6:30 pm.

- **Liturgy:** Feb 29 for the repose of the souls of Elias and Abla Jabbour and Jacqueline Jabbour Matta by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj.
- **Baptism:** March 1, after Liturgy, Remington Brooks, the son of Robert and Melanie Brooks, will be baptized.
- **Parish Council Meeting:** Saturday March 7 after Liturgy.
- **Sanctuary Lamp for March:** In memory of Charles Facas, Sr., by Gloria and John Jeffords.

Coffee Hour: Please join us after Sunday Liturgy for coffee, goodies, conversation, and fellowship. **Please bring a snack to share.**